Small Business Innovation Research

Detecting the Onset of Fire in an Aircraft by Employing Correlation Spectroscopy



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INNOVATION

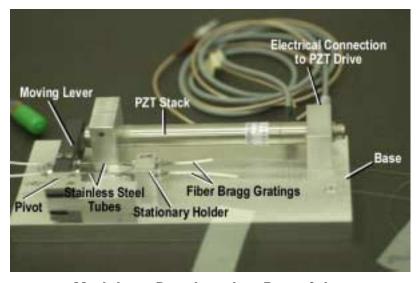
Detecting the onset of fire using a fiber laser operating in the near infrared, and a modulation system

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Designed and fabricated a bright light source a multiline fiber laser using Bragg Grating filters
- Developed modulators for the Bragg gratings that enhanced the sensitivity of the fire sensor
- Detected carbon monoxide, an important fire marker, using the laser-based test setup

COMMERCIALIZATION

- Have attracted \$140,000 of commercial funding
- Forming a spinoff company, Optech Ventures, LLC, to commercialize this and other IOS technologies
- Identifying target markets and potential partners
- Employing three full-time staff members to develop and commercialize trace gas sensing technology



Modulator Developed as Part of the IOS Fire Onset Detection System

GOVERNMENT/SCIENCE APPLICATIONS

- Can be used as an early warning of fire in the International Space Station, aerospace vehicles, airplanes, public and federal buildings, and subway stations
- Other applications are protection of semiconductor fabrication facilities, power plants, industrial plants, naval assets, hospitals, schools, warehouses, chemical plants, and schools